

Abstract

Internal Migration Measurement

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An analysis of internal migration has been suffered from the lack of standard and comparable measurement, while the mortality and fertility analyses have universal indicators, such as life expectancies and total fertility rates. There are two main reasons that caused difficulty in computation of comparable measures of migration activity: the difference of the definitions of migration and the variation of data sources.

This article provides a detailed account of internal migration measurements, which embody increasing levels of sophistication: *Crude Migration Probabilities/Rates*, *Age Specific Migration Probabilities/Rates*, *Age Standardized Migration Probabilities/Rates*, *Gross Migration Rate* and *Migration Expectancy*. Not only are the definitions and the examples of computation shown, but also the useful and the limitation of each indicator are discussed in detail. Finally, the recommendations for applying the standard measures of internal migration are concluded.